

Lancaster County - Substance Abuse Action Team  
Steering Committee – October 2, 9 a.m.  
501 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Family Services

Next Steering Committee 11/6/03 9:00 a.m. **AT CENTERPOINTE** 1100 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St. Note place change.

SICA Workgroup – October 6, 10:00 a.m. LCAD, 914 L St.

SBIR Team – October 7, 3:30 at CenterPointe

Criminal Justice Team – October 21, 555 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St.

Treatment Team – TBA

Robert Wood Johnson Grantees - TBA

**PRESENT WERE:** Mary Costello, Lincoln Diocese Catholic Church, Kit Boesch, Lincoln/Lancaster County Human Services, Leslie Crawford, Family Services CFAST, Tom Workman, NU Directions, Brittawni Olson, LCAD, Mary Barry-Magsamen, St. Monica's, Karen Heusel, LCAD, Jerome Barry, Bryan LGH Independence Center, Steve Rowoldt, Lancaster County Probation, Brendan Evans, Snitily Carr, Topher Hansen, CenterPointe, Kathy Stokes, LAP Free To Grow, Sandy Morrissey, Region V, Jay Conrad, Houses of Hope, Marcia Malone Region V, Teri Effle, LCAD, Otto Schultz, SAAT.

**GUEST:** Laurie Sutter Nebraska Health and Human Services System

**SAAT BUSINESS**

1. The Team welcomed **new members**, Mary Costello representing the faith community, Sandy Morrissey from Region V and Kathy Stokes from Lincoln Action Program – Free To Grow.

2. **LB724** – Re-examines the role of the regions moving from site based to community-based services. It will consider consolidating the regions and their role in providing direct services. They may be looking at closing one of the regional centers. The bill is so broad that you can't support every part of it. The hospital association is concerned that they may want to close residential programs and shift patients to outpatient settings. Treatment programs should inform alumni to get consumers there.

Kit plans to attend as do Otto and Topher.

3. **SICA issues** - Lincoln Public schools is unwilling to do the survey so the prevention team is taking the lead and doing the survey, permission slips needed etc. We will need 40 volunteers. It's okay to include the Malcolm data. Tom Workman will talk to "Community Challenge" at UNL about getting volunteers for working with the survey. It's directed by Linda Moody at Agricultural Leadership Program.

There is no funding available for taking the survey. The U. S. Department of Education and OJJDP require the collection of the data that is in their survey. We must have a valid risk and protective factor profile for the community and for our target population.

Several questions arose which could not be worked through in this meeting. Laurie Sutter agreed to meet with Prevention Team on 10/6 10:00 a.m. LCAD. Britt Olson and Laurie will meet to plan the details of the meeting.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

4. Steve Rowoldt reported that the Criminal Justice has a new mission statement. "The Criminal Justice team coordinates resources to meet the substance abuse and criminogenic risks and needs of persons in the criminal justice system of Lancaster County."

Offenders are a special population and their criminogenic needs must be taken into account. LB 46 is taking fees that must be used for treatment and evaluation. LB46 also created administrative sanctions for non-criminal probation violations. The Community Corrections committee will decide where the money goes. Julie Hippen and Judge Flowers and someone else from Lancaster County are on the committee. LB 46 and Standardized Model are going down different tracks but the hope is that they will begin to come together.

5. The Crime Commission is working to get the Simple Screening Instrument into the system. Target populations now include sex offenders, substance abusers and domestic violence. It will be close to springtime before any money is distributed.

Standardized model is to make sure there is consistency in diagnosis and level of care recommendations and incorporate the risk/needs assessment for criminogenic needs and risks. We are losing sight of these original needs for consistency.

## TREATMENT TEAM

6. The Launching of Back On Track was successful garnering lead story status with several media outlets, bringing 50 people together to hear the mayor, other dignitaries and personal stories.

## CFAST

7. Leslie Crawford reported that CFAST is up and running in two schools with nearly a dozen families in each school. A middle school program expected to be up in the spring.

## NU DIRECTIONS

8. Tom Workman reported that UNL had set 25% reduction in the binge drinking rate and they were the only coalition in the country to meet its goal. They will pare down their strategic plan to 7 areas. One of them is to become a statewide initiative. Student participation pushed "student drinking and driving" as another major focus. Less drinking and driving means that the drinking is not being merely pushed somewhere else. Fraternities are still the most resistant group.

## FREE TO GROW

9. Kathy Stokes reported that Free to Grow - sister program of Back on Track and NU Directions has Clinton as the target neighborhood between the two campuses. Sub-targets include all 100+ Head Start parents and all families who come to LAP from the Clinton neighborhood. Teri Effle and someone led a "Strengthening Multi-ethnic families" program that was "wildly successful." Families come in for 2-3 hours plus homework for a 14-week group. There are 40-50 Head Start workers with 10-12 in their caseload. All are being trained to better identify and refer Substance Abuse and Mental Health issues. Mark Winn is coming February 2-4 to train in domestic violence. It will be free. Captain Joy Citta and Bob Moyer are also working with this. There is a core team, including LAP, Clinton neighborhood, police and neighborhood revitalization. It's a proactive approach. FTG has been quiet about itself until it has some programming. It has some now.